Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The answer to sub-division (c) is 'No regular estimate has been prepared. On a rough calculation the cost of the work was reported to be Rs. 45,000.' May I know, Sir, when this rough calculation was made; how many years ago?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Some time ago. It was not done by me.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Can you just give me the date?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—In 1923.

127. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the absence of a bridge over the Vaduthala-Chittur Ferry has been causing very great inconvenience to the travelling public for a very long time;

(b) whether the Government have decided to take up the construction of this bridge in the near future?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Government are aware that there is some inconvenience.

(b) The question of taking up this work will be considered when funds permit.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The answer to part (a) is 'The Government are aware that there is some inconvenience'; and (b) 'the question of taking up this work will be considered when funds permit'. Now I find from answer to (b) of the previous question that a rough estimate was prepared in 1923.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is not exactly a rough estimate.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Let us take only that something was done in 1923 and a figure was arrived at. Is it the excuse that for the last five years there have been no funds or even funds are not available even now for the work to be taken up? Is there any time when funds will permit to take up this work?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It depends on the importance of the work also.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I think there has been however no representation subsequent to 1923 about this matter.

Jew Students in High Schools and Colleges and Government Officers acting as Directors of Companies, etc.

128. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

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(1) how many Jew boys and girls are now in the Sirkar High Schools and Colleges;

(2) of these how many receives stipends similar to what Muhammadan boys do receive;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state whether any officers of the Government drawing Rs. 500 and above are now acting as Directors of Companies, Banks, etc., situate or carrying on business (i) in Cochin and (ii) outside the Cochin State, whether they have sought the permission of the Government for so acting?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) College— one Jew boy. High Schools—two Jew boys.

(2) None.

(3) Yes; in Cochin; under proper sanction.

Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

129. Dr. A G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table The papers regarding Mr. Bhore's Irrigation Scheme?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The papers, *viz.*, the report of the Special Irrigation Engineer and the estimate drawn up for the work are placed on the Council Table.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, the records are placed on the Table. We have not sufficient time to go through the whole record in 10 or 15 minutes. It covers about 150 pages of typed matter. Our object was that Government will get it printed as an appendix or print it. The object of my question was to supply us with a copy so that we may study them and a cursory perusal of 150 or 200 pages in five minutes is impossible.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Will it satisfy the Member if in the next meeting of the Council a succinct account is placed?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes, thank you.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I am just reading through the 150 pages. It has frightened me also.

Water Supply at Ernakulam.

130. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform this Council:—

(a) whether any orders have been issued by the Chief Engineer not to lay any new mains on the Ernakulam roads and not to give any new house connections until further orders from him;

(b) if so, was the Ernakulam Municipal Council consulted in the matter before such orders were issued;

(c) whether such orders were issued with the approval of the Government;

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